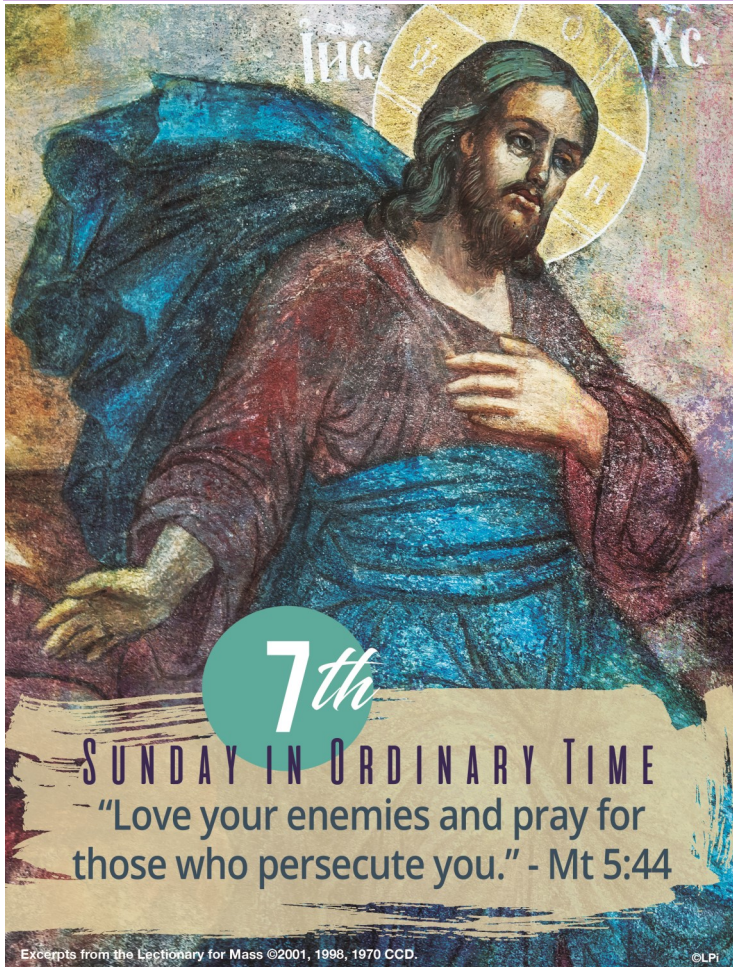




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



GOSPEL MEDITATION Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate? How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him. When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

FEBRUARY 19TH 2023

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Mass Schedule

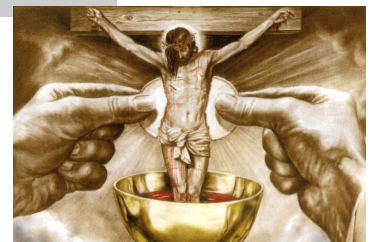
Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office
Adoration
Wed 5pm-8pm

St. Patrick Catholic Church
207 Monroe St N
Fullerton, ND 58441

Fr. Patrick Parks
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Patrick.Parks@fargodiocese.org



ST. PATRICK PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR : A Tour of Marian Apparitions: Our Lady of Mejugorje

Continued from last week—the 10 secrets

The ninth and tenth secrets are serious. They concern chastisement for the sins of the world. Punishment is inevitable, for we cannot expect the whole world to be converted. The punishment can be diminished by prayer and penance, but it cannot be eliminated. Mirjana says that one of the evils that threatened the world, the one contained in the seventh secret, has been averted, thanks to prayer and fasting. That is why the Blessed Virgin continues to encourage prayer and fasting: ***"You have forgotten that with prayer and fasting you can ward off wars, suspend natural laws."*** In addition to this basic message, Mirjana related an apparition she had in 1982, which sheds some light on certain aspects of Church history. She spoke of an apparition in which satan appeared to her, and asked Mirjana to renounce Our Lady and to follow him. By doing so she could be happy in love and in life. He added that following Our Lady would only lead to suffering. Mirjana rejected him, and immediately Our Lady appeared and Satan disappeared. Then Our Lady gave Mirjana the following message:

"Excuse me for this, but you must realize that Satan exists. One day he appeared before the throne of God and asked permission to submit the Church to a period of trial. God gave him permission to try the Church for one century. This century is under the power of the devil; but when the secrets confided to you come to pass, his power will be destroyed. Even now he is beginning to lose his power and has become aggressive. He is destroying marriages, creating divisions among priests and is responsible for obsessions and murder. You must protect yourselves against these things through fasting and prayer, especially community prayer. Carry blessed objects with you. Put them in your house, and restore the use of holy water."

According to certain Catholic experts who have studied these apparitions, this message of Mirjana may shed light on the vision Pope Leo XIII had. According to them, it was after having had an apocalyptic vision of the future of the Church that Leo XIII introduced the prayer to Saint Michael, which priests used to recite after Mass up to the time of the Second Vatican Council. These experts say that the century of trials foreseen by Leo XIII is about to end. Since the apparitions began in 1981, approximately 40 million people of all faiths, from all over the world, have visited Mejugorje and have left spiritually strengthened and renewed. Many bring back stories of miracles in the form of healings (of mind, body and spirit), supernatural visual signs, and deep conversions back to God. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones, to investigate with an open mind and heart the messages which are given to us by Our Lady of Mejugorje. I in-

vite you to read these messages and decide for yourself how they will affect your life and that of your family. Our Lady's messages are meant to be assembled like a mosaic. To understand the full meaning and depth of these messages, we need to study all of the messages She has given us over these last 40+ years. ***"By means of the messages, I wish to make a very beautiful mosaic in your hearts."*** (November 25, 1989). Our Lady has asked that we continually read, study, and meditate on the messages which She has given us. She said: ***"Little children, read every day the messages I gave you and transform them into life. I love you and this is why I call you to the way of salvation with God."*** (December 25, 1989).

The technique of teaching which Our Lady uses, reeducates us to be Christians. She accomplishes this by walking with us, and guiding us step by step, message by message. Today, many people think it is not important to be a Christian. Others want to live a superficial form of Christianity which is easier or more convenient than living a true Christian life. Our Lady wants to show us through Her messages the real face of Christianity. This is a long process because we as a society have strayed far from the truth and God and are slow to learn. This is true both in the Church and outside the Church. We have to accept being totally reeducated, little by little, by the Mother of God. The problem with mankind is not so much that people have bad intentions; there are plenty of good hearted people. The problem is that we sometimes don't see the truth; we are in darkness, and many of us are just blind. We do not realize that we have put ourselves into the hands of satan because we do not know how to tell the difference between right and wrong. Many of us become an image of satan without even knowing it.

I don't think that anyone could argue, regardless of religious orientation, that today's world is in a state of crisis. All one has to do is read the newspaper or watch television to see how eroded the morals of our world have become. It is shocking to see and hear the examples of terrorism, inhumanity, cruelty, violence, abuse, drugs, war, crime, etc., etc. Much of the world has strayed far from a life centered around God and family. The answers which we need to redirect our life can be found by reading and living Our Lady's messages and Scripture.

"Do not allow satan to gain control of your hearts, so you would be an image of satan and not of me." (January 30, 1986)

"Children, darkness reigns over the whole world. People are attracted by many things and they forget about the more important." To Be Continued

2/14 - Mass at 7pm with Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet to Follow for Peace

2/15 - Adoration 5:00pm– 6:30pm. No Religious Ed / Ash Wednesday

2/22 - Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 9am St Patrick's, 6:30pm St Helena

2/25 - Food Pantry volunteers needed

3/10 - Fish Fry

3/22 - Live Stations

Synod Listening Sessions with Bishop Folda in our area:

Tuesday February 21st: St Phillip Neri, Napoleon

Tuesday, February 28th: Holy Rosary, LaMoure

More listening Sessions in the New Earth magazine

Altar Society Announcements

St Helena's is seeking donations for the 2023 Fall Raffle.
Please turn in donations to Joyce G, Bernie T, or Michele T by
March 31st so raffle permit can be obtained. Thank you in
advance for your consideration and donation

Simple Suppers

What are they about? Simple Suppers started many years ago in the Parish and have continued over the years. We are thankful for past parishioners and families that have taken on the mission to continue them. But what is a Simple Supper?

- Light meal served on Wednesday evenings during Lent at St. Helena's Parish Center from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. We encourage you to stay and attend Stations of the Cross at 6:10 PM – 6:30 PM in the Church
- Supper is for BOTH St. Helena's and St. Patrick's parishioners, not only the CYO program. Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend. We just ask that you sign up if you plan to attend so we can prepare enough food for the week. Sign up sheet in the back of the church.
- Free will offering. Any profits collected this year will be donated to the Ellendale Community Food Pantry and to the Ellendale Public School 2nd meal fund.
- We are asking families to work together as a team to prep, serve and clean up. Shared work makes the workload light for all. Food, labor and monetary donations are being collected to help defray the costs. Please prayerfully consider this as part of your Lenten giving. If you are willing to help out, please reach out to Michele Thorpe.
- 2023 dates: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 and March 29



Camp Summit || Middle School camp

"BE NOT AFRAID. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
- St. Pope John Paul II

St. Pope John Paul II calls us "be not afraid" when it comes to living out our faith as disciples. With all the chaos in the world, we must respond to the invitation by this holy Saint to share the gospel courageously with those around us. Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have the desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to share it with others they encounter. Throughout camp, youth will engage in prayer, worship, fellowship, leadership formation, play, and fun. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities.

Location: Red Willow Bible Camp
1651 Jacob Rd. Binford, ND

Dates: Sunday, July 9 - Thursday, July 13, 2023

Cost: Register on or before February 24: \$300.00

After February 24: \$350.00
(Family Rates Available)

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 16th, 2022

If you are in need of financial assistance to help offset the costs of camp, the Diocese of Fargo has a scholarship program that assists families in need.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb 25/26 (5:00pm) (10:30am)

Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Rick Ulmer/Ross Seefeldt
Lector	Volunteer	Michelle Thorpe
EMHC		Matt Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Davis Family
Altar Servers		Annah

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

First one on the list please contact others

Feb 19 Theresia C, Wendy G, Tracy O, Theresa K

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Feb 12

Adult	1283.00
Children	
Plate	167.00
Total	1450.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Feb 26 (8:30am)

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Alan and Ruby
Altar Servers	Porter, Katie

For the Month of Feb

Breakfast Server	Faye and Christy
Collection Counters	Allen Glynn, Steve
Church Cleaners	Pat and Megan
Altar Society Meeting	Feb 12th after Mass

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Feb 21

7:00 pm +Juliet Kelly Parten

Wed. Feb 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:00 am (St P) Paul Brandenburger

6:30pm (St H) +Sylvester and Marie Radermacher

Thur. Feb 23

8:00am (St H) +Aloys and Angela Mastel

9:00:am (St P) Eric Gramlow

Fri. Feb 24

8:00 am Joan Grueneich

Sat. Feb 25

5:00pm (St H) Margaret Davis

Sun. Feb 26

8:30am (St. P) +Jeanne Glynn

10:30am (St H) All Parishioners

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...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Phyllis Zvorak, Angie Mastel.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

